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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: EHNERT et al

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For: Carbon-Fibre-Reinforced SMC For Multi-Axially  
Reinforced Components

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G/A**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 1, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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A<sub>1</sub> 6. (Amended) SMC according to Claim 1, characterised in that the UD fibres (7) are  
shortened by incisions in the finished SMC to produce flowability in the fibre  
direction.

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A<sub>2</sub> 8. (Amended) SMC according to Claim 1, characterised in that a different resin  
matrix (2) is used for the random fibres (4) and the UD fibres (7).

9. (Amended) SMC according to Claim 1, characterised in that, to check the UD fibre  
directions, individual UD glass fibres are introduced into the matrix (2) in the